

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016:**

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 14 members present. He invited **Ron Burn** to give his display on **Tristan da Cunha**.

Ron gave a pictorial display of human interest of conditions on the volcanic island in the period 1961-63 when the volcano erupted forcing the islanders to evacuate temporarily when the 5 mile x  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile wide plateau on which they lived was threatened.

Photographs, pictures and letters recorded the islanders' evacuation to South Africa, then on to Britain for a period until it was safe to return to the island. The GB Royal Society sent an expedition to record conditions and the display contained pictorial recordings plus reports, together with many items of the ships engaged in transporting the islanders between safe islands; cachets and stamps of Tristan da Cunha, South Africa, St Helena, G.B. and other places on route.

Later sections of the display contained first day covers and commemorative stamps of anniversaries together with examples of stamp designs including the 2011 pictorial issue commemorating the eruption of the volcano in 1961.

The President thanked Ron for a well presented and explained display. The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

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Honorary Assistant Secretary, 20.15.16